THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

MRTPC Cases Against ATOs

363. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTPC has instituted cases against ATOs for a cartel to fix fares; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons along with the reply received from ATOs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Director General of Investigation and Registration of Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practice (MRTP) Commission had initiated suo moto investigation under the MRTP Act to find out whether there is any agreement or understanding among various Air Taxi Operators to have uniform fare structure as reported in some news papers.

Bomb Hoax and Hijacking Threats

364. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the number of bomb hoax and hijacking threats received and dealt during the last three years along with the special measures adopted by Government in this regard at each airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The requisite information is given below:

	1991	1992	1993	1994 (Jan to June, 94)
No. of Bomb threats	327	421	509	149
No. of Hijacking threats	28	40	42	15

Measures taken to deal with such threats are as follows :

(i) Anti-hijacking and anti-sabotage security measures have been strengthened at airports in co-ordination with the concerned Airports Authority, Airports Security and air carrier concerned.

(ii) Airport Security Committees regularly monitor the implementation of security measures at all airports.

(iii) A revised Bomb Threat Drill has been evolved to deal with bomb threat calls.

(iv) Call tracing/recording facilities have been provided at important airports and Dog Squads are also being strengthened for detection of explosive devices.

Payment of rent by AI and IA

365. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India and Indian Airlines have been paying monthly rents amounting to lakhs of rupees for their office in the capital not in use;

(b) if so, what is the total amount paid by Air India and Indian Airlines for the premises not utilised by the Airlines